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1. ARAB LEAGUE POLITICAL DIRECTOR HAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT DHOFAR QUESTION DID NOT GENERATE HEATED DEBATE AT ALL DURING ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION OCTOBER 18-22. FINAL RESOLUTION SIMPLY CALLED ON PDRY TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO END FIGHTING IN DHOFAR (REFTEL).

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ARAB LEAGUE OFFICIAL SAID FEELING WAS THAT HAWF INCIDENT HAD BEEN DELIBERATELY TIMED BY OMAN TO HIGHLIGHT PROBLEM FOR AL COUNCIL, BUT IT DID NOT ARISE IN FORMAL DEBATE.

2. ARAB LEAGUE OFFICIAL NOTED TWO NEW ELEMENTS IN AL EFFORTS MEDIATE DHOFAR PROBLEM:

A. AL HAS GIVEN UP NOTION OF RECEIVING INVITATION CONVENE DHOFAR MEDIATION COMMITTEE OR SUB-COMMITTEE THEREOF IN ADEN AND HAS THEREFORE DETERMINED ALL PARTIES TO DISPUTE SHOULD CONVENE IN CAIRO. AS WE HAVE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, AL HAS REFUSED PFLO'S INVITATION SEND ENVOYS TO THOSE PARTS OF DHOFAR WHICH PFLO CONTROLS, SINCE OMAN STRENUOUSLY OBJECTS.

B. PDRY AGREED IN AL DEBATE TO "HELP" SOLVE PROBLEM, FIRST TIME SUCH POSITIVE ATTITUDE HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY RECORDED IN AL MEETING.

3. AL OFFICIAL TOLD US KUWAITIS WERE GENERALLY POSITIVE ON NOTION OF RESTARTING AL EFFORTS IN CAIRO BUT THAT SAUDIS HAD ABSTAINED ON ALL VOTES AND WERE CLEARLY DISPLEASED.

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